

MISS LYNCH WAS SELF SLAIN.

NO REASON TO BELIEVE SHE MET WITH FOUL PLAY.

Had Been a Wayward Girl and Gave Family Much Trouble—Trist, Suicide Several Times—Elderly Man Admits He Betrayed Her—Mother Sent Money for Burial.

There is no longer any mystery as to the identity of the young girl who was found dead near Greenfield Cemetery, Freeport, L. I., in April last. She was the daughter of Edward N. Lynch, a well-to-do contractor of 34 Vernon avenue, Brooklyn. There is likewise no longer any doubt as to the cause of her death. She committed suicide, as she had several times threatened she would, and as she in fact wrote that she was about to do only a day or so before her body was found.

The only puzzle that remains in the case is why, with the evidence so conclusive, there has been apparently so persistent an effort to make a mystery of it. Why, in view of all that was known, there has been such an insistence over the very far-fetched theory that the case was a case of murder, instead of a plain case of self-destruction that it obviously was shown to be when the facts were brought out at the first coroner's inquest, to say nothing of the absolutely convincing evidence that was revealed several days ago by one who was on terms of confidential intimacy with the dead girl's family.

This person was the Rev. Father Burns of the Church of St. John the Baptist, Brooklyn, who a week ago told District Attorney Nieman at Mincola all the circumstances connected with the girl's unhappy end and the causes that led up to it. Had this story been told at the first, instead of being held back at the urgent request of the girl's family, the whole affair would have been over and forgotten by all save those intimately concerned.

It was when at last the stories about the case began to insist more and more strongly upon the murder theory, and it seemed possible that some person might be actually arrested for a crime that never was committed, that Father Burns determined to make public the facts which he had told the Nassau county authorities several days before. It was yesterday that Father Burns spoke freely for publication for the first time, and the story that he told was one that in a measure explained why not only the dead girl's own family, but another as well, had made every effort to keep the facts in the case from becoming known.

The young woman, said Father Burns yesterday, "was Margaret Lynch. I knew her and her family well. They were purveyors of mine, and attended the Church of St. John the Baptist. Now, that everything must come out, there is no good end to be served by keeping back the fact that Margaret was a wayward girl. She had caused her parents much trouble. Her father, who is a man of strong character, had in a measure abandoned hope of her leading a becoming life. He does not know of her death even now, or, at all events, did not know up to the time of my last information. His wife visited it kept from him because it was feared that if the whole story became known to him he might resort to violent measures—might shoot some one.

"Margaret had been away from home for some time. Some years ago she became acquainted with Oswald Maune, Jr., a young man who also attended the Church of St. John. He lived with his father and mother at 200 Vernon avenue, and he and Margaret became engaged to be married. We knew of the engagement here at the church. That was about two years ago. Very soon after the engagement young Maune's mind began to give way and he finally became absolutely insane. He had to be confined in an asylum, and he is still there.

"This, of course, put an end to the engagement, but the young man's parents were interested in Miss Lynch and she was frequently at their house. They knew she had been wayward, and I am convinced that it was with the idea of trying to help her that they finally virtually took her into their household. She lived with them in Brooklyn, and in the summer of 1903 she went with them to Freeport. She and the Maune family lived at the Woodliff Inn in Freeport, where Miss Lynch passed as their niece.

"After the discovery of the body Mrs. Lynch went to Mincola and identified it as that of her daughter. She said nothing about the engagement, and she said that her husband, she thought it would be better if the body were buried without the identity of the person being made known. Besides, as I said, her husband said that if he knew the facts in the case, might do some rash act.

"It was with the idea of stopping any further talk about the matter that Mrs. Lynch sent the \$100 to the coroner at Mincola with the request that the body be decently buried under the name of Martha Laidlaw.

"There is not the slightest foundation for the theory that the girl was murdered, and I feel very sorry that the matter has been kept before the public, and that persistent discouragement of that theory. I have in my possession a letter in which the young woman stated in so many words to her mother that she had fully decided to take her own life. In fact, for three or four months before she killed herself it had been the constant care of those with whom she was living to prevent her from doing so. She had tried to take cyanide acid at least three or four times, and the fact that she at last succeeded in doing so with fatal results caused her mother and friends grief, but no murder.

The last place where Miss Lynch was staying before she disappeared, only to be found dead near the Greenfield Cemetery in a material way, was at the home of her mother, where she had been for some time before and where no questions were asked her. It was there that she made the different attempts on her life.

How she went away from there is not known, but on the Tuesday before her dead body was found she wrote to Sister Theresa of that institution that she was going to destroy herself. She also wrote to her mother to the same effect. The letter to her mother was received on Thursday, March 31. On Saturday following she was found dead.

There had been a painful scene at the Lynch home some time before, in which a man well on in years had confessed that he was responsible for the girl's misfortune. This confession was made in the presence of a friend and of Mrs. Lynch, and it was feared that Mr. Lynch's wrath against the man that caused his wife to conceal from him his daughter's death and the facts immediately connected therewith.

This same elderly man, on this occasion, offered to do all he could to prevent the wrong he had done, and was cognizant of the girl's retirement to the maternity hospital. An elderly man, supposed to be the same person, was among those who went to view the girl's body when it was exposed for public view in the Mincola morgue.

Last week, when the murder theory seemed to be growing in strength, Father Burns went to Mincola and told District Attorney Nieman the facts in the case. District Attorney Nieman said that he was so far as he knew the story is correct.

Mr. Nieman, however, was engaged into some time last evening in looking into some of the theories that have been advanced, but without any result calculated to make him doubt what the clergyman told him. The county detective, Mr. Furman, called at the Lynch home in Brooklyn last week, but admittance was refused him.

Both Mr. Furman and Assistant District Attorney Graham still find elements in the case which leave some question in their minds as to the absolute certainty of the murder theory. They are, however, entirely on statements given as to Miss Lynch's height, weight and age. They think that the dead girl was over thirty years of age, whereas Miss Lynch was only about twenty-three.

Oswald Maune, Sr., who was regarded

by the police, in view of statements made to them in connection with the identification of the body, as a possible source of information concerning the case, could not be found yesterday.

He is president of a printing concern at 215 William street, Manhattan. It was said there that he was out of town and would not be back for several days. At his home, 209 Vernon avenue, Brooklyn, it was said that both he and Mrs. Maune were away and would not be back for two or three days.

Both Mr. Lynch and Mr. Maune have sons who are priests, and it was reported yesterday that Mr. Maune had gone to see his son at Springfield, Mass., but inquiry there failed to discover him or his son. At the Lynch home, only a short distance from where the Maunes live, all inquiries were informed that none of the family was at home.

The fact that near the dead body of Miss Lynch there was found a fountain pen marked "O. M." was advanced yesterday as pointing to the body having been carried to the place, the theory being that the pen had dropped from somebody's pocket while in the act of stooping over.

It turned out, however, that the pen was only another convincing proof that the body was that of Miss Lynch, as the pen was one that had been given to her by young Oswald Maune at the time of their engagement.

Moreover, as against the theory that the girl died elsewhere than where her body was found, it is recalled that at the first session of the coroner's inquest before Justice Wallace there was testimony showing that she was seen by several persons near the place where she was afterward found dead.

The motorman of a trolley car remembered the woman as among his passengers and recalled that she got on the car at Hempstead and got off close to Freeport. On the return trip he saw her seated by the roadside at a point within a short distance of where her body was found the next day. Still other witnesses gave testimony corroborative of the conductor's statements as to the girl's movements on this occasion.

SEX CONTROL IN BIOLOGY.

Prof. Loeb Says Scientists Can Now Regulate It in New Cells.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 20.—The International Congress of Arts and Sciences began the sessions of its divisions and departments today by holding thirty-one meetings, at each of which one or more papers of scientific interest were presented. Prof. Jacques Loeb of the University of California, speaking at the biology meeting of the congress, said:

"Biologists are now sufficiently advanced in their science to be able to control the sex of newly formed cells, saying whether or not the newly generated body shall be male or female."

Prof. John M. Coulter of the University of Chicago followed Prof. Loeb and impressed upon his hearers the fact that cell protoplasm and cell life were influenced by the conditions and forces which existed around and were related to the cell.

CAB SELLS OFF ITS HORSE.

Auction From Box of Hansom—Buyer Pays \$5.40 and Leads Off Steed.

Charles Crowell, a cabman who had got tired of driving a vicious horse that had kicked out the bottom of his hansom on several occasions, auctioned off the animal from the top of his cab at Thirty-first street and Broadway last night, while a crowd looked on and cheered.

Crowell assured his auditors that he meant what he was saying, despite the unnatural impediment in his speech, and a man with trousers stuck in his boots, who said he would pay \$5.40 for the horse, gave Crowell \$5.40 in coin of the republic, untied the animal and led him off down Broadway toward South Ferry.

CLOSE GRAND CIRCUIT RACES.

Crowd Disregards With Judges' Decision in Pleading Browne Wilton.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Sept. 20.—Threatening clouds and drizzles this morning kept down the attendance at the second day's Grand Circuit races. The track was in fair condition, but a hard cold wind from the north-west blew during the afternoon and compelled the horses to battle hard on the back stretch.

The 2:10 trot was the feature of the day. In the third heat thirteen horses were bunched to the stretch. Main Land led, but broke, as did Browne Wilton, before the wire. The judges gave first place to Wilton amid angry demonstrations.

Alexander won first money in the 2:23 trot, with John Caldwell, a close second. Alexander was favored at \$100, with Caldwell at \$200, and the field at \$400. The fields were all large, but got away well. Summaries:

2:23 class, trotting, purse, \$2,000.

Alexander, b. c. (Star Dancer (Geers)) 1 1 1

John Caldwell, b. c. (Thompson) 2 2 2

Black Day, b. c. (Crist) 3 3 3

John Thorne, b. c. (De Ryder) 4 4 4

Hardwood, b. c. (Crichton) 5 5 5

Time—2:11.4, 2:11.4, 2:12.4.

2:15 class, trotting, purse, \$1,500.

Brownie Wilton, b. c. (Wilton (Saunders)) 1 1 1

George O. c. (Geers) 2 2 2

Miss Jeanette, b. c. (Eckers) 3 3 3

Aylwin, b. c. (Sperry) 4 4 4

Direct Well, b. c. (De Ryder) 5 5 5

Wright, b. c. (Towans) 6 6 6

Getaway, b. c. (Stearns) 7 7 7

Brilliant Girl, b. c. (Goodrich) 8 8 8

Belair, b. c. (Dillon) 9 9 9

Corbett, b. c. (Wilson) 10 10 10

Life and Limb, b. c. (Mutter) 11 11 11

Harry B. b. c. (Shepard) 12 12 12

Time—2:16.4, 2:16.4, 2:17.4.

2:15 class, trotting, purse, \$1,500.

Wilton, b. c. (Wilton (Saunders)) 1 1 1

George O. c. (Geers) 2 2 2

Miss Jeanette, b. c. (Eckers) 3 3 3

Aylwin, b. c. (Sperry) 4 4 4

Direct Well, b. c. (De Ryder) 5 5 5

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BUFFALO VICTIM TELLS POLICE,

ACCUSING OWNER'S WIFE.

She's Locked Up Charged With the Drugging and Robbing Him When He Withstood Other Wiles—Police Released Over an Arrest Despite Justice Gaylor.

On the statements of a man who says he is Bernard Rice of 84 Walton avenue, Buffalo, a travelling salesman for a bicycle concern and an intimate friend of John G. Milburn, Mrs. Roste Hertz of the Dry Dock Hotel was arrested last night and locked up in the Fifth street police station on a charge of grand larceny. Rice staggered into the police station yesterday morning apparently still under the influence of some drug. While telling his story to Capt. McDermott he fainted twice.

Rice said, according to the police, that he arrived in town on Monday night and was passing the Dry Dock Hotel about 10 o'clock, on the way to his sister's home, in West Fourteenth street, when a man stepped out of the hotel doorway and asked him if he didn't want a nice room for the night. Rice looked the place over, and, as it had a decent exterior, said he guessed he did.

He was taken up to the office, where a woman, whom he has since positively identified as Mrs. Hertz, was at the desk. He asked for a nice room, and she charged him \$5 for it. He was taken to a room on the second floor facing the Bowery and had just removed his coat when, as the police say, Mrs. Hertz opened the door and ushered in five young women.

"Now, young fellow, I guess you can have a good time all right, eh?" the police say Mrs. Hertz remarked to him. "Take any one you want."

Rice, who is a married man and a father, told Capt. McDermott in the police station that he ordered the women away, but they didn't go. Mrs. Hertz left the room, however, and while the girls were trying to jolly Rice returned with a tray of glasses containing whiskey. This she passed around and invited every one to drink. Rice, according to McDermott, said that he took scarcely more than a sip of his, but immediately lost consciousness and knew nothing more until he awoke at 7 o'clock yesterday morning.

He found himself lying across the bed and Brownie Wilton, a well-known horse, he found that his gold watch, worth \$75, about \$85, and a suit case containing clothing were missing. Putting on his hat and coat, he went down and complained to Mrs. Hertz, who was in the office.

"That's all right," she said, according to his story, "Don't say anything to the police about it and we'll fix it for you." Failing to get further satisfaction Rice left the hotel and got a bootblack opposite to pilot him to the police station.

Capt. McDermott turned Rice over to Detective Sergeants Barnes and Gilday, who kept him in tow until last evening and then took him to the hotel. He identified Mrs. Hertz as the woman he had paid for the room and who gave him the whiskey. Mrs. Hertz declared she hadn't been in the hotel the night before, but she was taken to the police station and locked up. She said she was 35 years old, a Hungarian, and gave 7 First street as her address.

Capt. McDermott, who has been "after" the Dry Dock Hotel for a long time with small success, was delighted last night over the arrest.

"Mrs. Hertz is the most notorious woman in this city," he said, "She and her husband, 'Jakey' Hertz, who was arrested by agents of the Committee of Fifteen, are the proprietors of the Dry Dock Hotel, and both have been a source of trouble to the police for years and a disgrace to the community."

Capt. McDermott, in his pursuit of the Dry Dock Hotel, has "rough-housed" it, in police parlance, on several occasions. That failing to bring it under police control, he resorted to a long time with men in uniform detailed at the door. The Hertzies in June obtained from Supreme Court Justice Gaylor a temporary injunction recently made permanent, restraining the police from interfering in any way with their business.

Meantime Mrs. Hertz had been arrested on the charge of assaulting a policeman who was on duty at the hotel and had been placed under bonds to keep the peace.

In his decision making permanent the temporary injunction, which had been formed police up at the Dry Dock Hotel door, Justice Gaylor pointed out that such lawless methods had frequently been used by the police as means of extortion and strongly condemned them.

He said also that the Dry Dock Hotel appeared, on inspection like all hotels in that and similar localities, from which it was inferred that the justice had personally inspected the hotel. The justice's decision handed Capt. McDermott the law, and methods against the Hertzies were given up.

Rice promised the police he would be on hand in the Yorkville police court this morning to prosecute Mrs. Hertz. The police say he hoped to have Mr. Milburn as his counsel.

ALDERMEN WHACK ALDERMEN.

New Rochelle Board Makes Faces at Our City Fathers.

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., Sept. 20.—The New Rochelle Board of Aldermen passed resolutions to-night denouncing the New York Aldermen for holding up the New York and Port Chester Railroad franchise and granting a franchise to its rival, the New York, Westchester and Boston Railway, which the board declared was a bogus corporation put into the field solely for the purpose of obstructing rapid transit in Westchester county.

The railroad committee wanted to go even further and bind the board to oppose any application the New York, Westchester and Boston Company might make for franchises in Westchester county, but Mayor Clarke said that he didn't think this would be proper, inasmuch as no application was before the board. The resolution was laid on the table.

The board also passed a resolution demanding that all candidates for legislative office and for Governor and Lieutenant-Governor pledge themselves in advance to aid the New York and Port Chester road in its efforts to get franchises over and under the streets of The Bronx so that it can proceed at once to construct its proposed rapid transit system for the eastern part of Westchester county. Copies of the resolution were ordered sent to all boards of trade and Aldermen in Westchester county and to the Merchants' Association of New York.

BROKAW BROTHERS

ESTABLISHED NEARLY HALF A CENTURY

SINCE our Fall Opening ten days ago we have served a great many old patrons, and what is even more gratifying, a great many new ones. The new fashions and fabrics we are featuring this Autumn have found outspoken favor, without an exception. A Brokaw Fall Clothes Display draws, because it bristles with ideas.

ASTOR PLACE AND FOURTH AVENUE.

CITY OFFICER ARRESTED.

COLLECTOR OF BAYONNE ACCUSED OF STEALING \$9,000.

C. L. Robinson, who is 72 Years of Age—Called Home From Vacation to Face Arrest—Fugitives, Extended Over Seven Years, May Reach \$40,000.

Cyrillus L. Robinson, who for the last twelve years has been the Collector of Revenues for the city of Bayonne, N. J., was arrested last night at his home in that city, charged with the embezzlement of \$9,000 from the city funds. The amount specified in the charge is only one of the discrepancies that were discovered by experts who have been at work on his books during the past week. It is said that the total amount of his peculations may be between \$30,000 and \$40,000.

Mr. Robinson, who is 72 years old and lives in one of the finest residences in the city, was not taken to Police Headquarters but was allowed to remain in his home, at 28 West Thirty-third street, after having been arrested by the police.

Robinson left a week ago for his annual vacation and his return was taken as an indication that he had been called back to help find the guilty one. Consequently, when Mayor Brady and Recorder Lazarus went to the Collector's home last night and the Mayor later announced the arrest, great excitement prevailed.

A short time ago the annual examination of the city accounts was made, and experts employed for that purpose found irregularities in the accounts of Robinson, who collected the property taxes. This discovery was reported to Mayor Brady, who at first was inclined to think that the experts were mistaken.

However, when Robinson left for his vacation, additional experts were put on his books and the shortages were shown. While Mayor Brady and other city officials seemed anxious to evade a discussion of the case last night, it was learned that the "peculations" had been going on for the last seven years. They began long before the present administration. It was said that the shortage was in the accounts of the Standard Oil Company, the largest taxpayers in the town.

Satisfied with the revelations made by the experts, Mayor Brady on Saturday sent word to Collector Robinson that he was wanted on urgent business. Mr. Robinson arrived home yesterday morning. He immediately was closeted with the Mayor, and the latter's nephew, who is the City Treasurer.

During the day, Robinson transferred to Joseph Brady property at Bergen Point said to be valued at about \$35,000. This property he had bought at a Sheriff's sale several years ago. At the time that Robinson purchased the property many others invested in Bergen Point real estate, thinking that the place was to become a profitable summer resort. The property never paid and was no doubt somewhat of an elephant on the Collector's hands. He is also said to have speculated heavily in Wall Street.

Many Bayonne residents last night were inclined to the belief that the real estate investment was the cause of the collector's trouble and defalcations. Robinson, while he has lived in a handsome residence and entertained considerably, has lived within his means. He was a man of good habits, and as far as Bayonne knew, never speculated or indulged in any costly habits.

Mr. Robinson would not make any statement concerning his case last night. He refused to see those that called to question him. Mr. Robinson is a widower. His daughter Marion, who is very popular in Bayonne social circles, lives with him. The Collector has a married son, Cyril, who is a travelling salesman.

RIO GRANDE 17 MILES WIDE.

Flood Assumes Large Proportions—Fully 600 Feet Deep in Places.

HIDALGO, Tex., Sept. 20.—The Rio Grande is seventeen miles wide at this place. A sudden rise of seventy feet in the San Juan River, which empties into the Rio Grande on the Mexican side several miles above here, has increased the flood and caused great destruction of property.

The channel of the Rio Grande has been changed in many places by the flood. A short distance below here, a slice of Mexico embracing several hundred acres of ground and occupied by several thousand sheep and goats, was cut off and conveyed to the United States side of that stream. The situation arising out of these changes of boundary will have to be settled by the International Water Boundary Commission.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Sept. 20.—A letter has reached this city from T. L. Kleinman, a merchant of the flood devastated town, Presidio, Tex., calling for help. It says that 600 persons are homeless and every vestige of crops destroyed for 100 miles below Presidio and 120 miles above. A relief movement has been started here.

The Wanamaker Store.

Store Closes at 5:30 P. M.



The Autumn Exhibition of Millinery Is Announced

Today the new Hats for Fall and Winter are on display. There is an exceptionally broad and fine collection of hats from the foremost Parisian milliners.

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LATE CORN IN DANGER.

Frost in Northern Part of Nebraska Was Expected Last Night.

OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 20.—The Burlington railroad's crop reports to-day says that the early corn in Nebraska is now past danger from frosts and that the late corn will be matured within one week. According to the railroad statement, the light frosts of last week benefited the corn by checking the growth of the leaves without injuring the stalk.

The early corn, which is past danger, is figured as 83 per cent. of the crop. At 10 o'clock to-night the extreme northern part of the State was clear and cold. The Government forecast is for a heavy frost over that region to-night, and it is in that region that the late corn, which is not yet out of the field, is mostly grown. The late corn is estimated as 15 per cent. of the Nebraska crop, and part of this will be injured to-night undoubtedly.

Mortally Scalded by Boiling Soup.

A pot of boiling soup was accidentally upset from the stove in the home of Morris Brenner, 1847 Pitkin avenue, East New York, early last evening, and deluged a five-year-old daughter. She was terribly scalded, and was hurried to the Bradford street hospital. Surgeon Smith said she could not live.

WARRANT FOR CAPT. KEITHLEY.

The War Department Wants the Absconding Philippine Man Announced.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—Announcement was made at the Insular Bureau of the War Department to-day that a warrant had been taken out for the arrest of Capt. Ira Keithley of the Philippine constabulary now stationed at the St. Louis exposition. Capt. Keithley is nearly \$4,000 short in his accounts and it is believed he has fled to St. Louis.

Capt. Keithley served throughout the Philippine insurrection as a non-commissioned officer of the volunteer service and on the strength of his excellent record got a commission in the constabulary. He had charge of the money for supplies for his command and was never suspected of the theft until he had been absent without leave for some time.

The Department of Justice has been notified of the occurrence and a special agent is being sent to St. Louis to see that the constabulary officer is sent out broadcast.